



Mississippi Dementia Care Program

The Mississippi Dementia Care Program (MDCP), provided through the Mississippi Department of Human Services - Division of Aging and Adult Services, is a program to provide respite care and support services to informal caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (ADRD) or cognitive impairment

Common Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease/ Cognitive Impairment

- Memory loss, particularly for recent events
- Repeating questions or stories
- Difficulty finding the right words
- Difficulty in following conversations
- Poor concentration
- Changes in mood and behavior
- Getting lost in familiar surroundings
- Difficulty managing money and other everyday tasks

Self-Care

It is important for you as the caregiver to take regular breaks away from the person you are caring for. This will give you a chance to “recharge your batteries” and to keep stress levels down.

- Be hopeful in your outlook
- Maintain good levels of physical activity or even increase them
- Look after your mental health
- Keep connected with your friends and families where possible

Services

Individuals with ADRD/cognitive impairment and their caregivers will have access to approximately 27 hours of respite care per month for twelve months. Caregiver support will be offered through the IDEA! Strategy.

MDCP Who Can Apply and How to Apply

A caregiver who provides care for a person with a diagnosis of ADRD or a person who presents with cognitive decline can apply for the MS Dementia Care Program (the respite service is to provide a break for the caregiver).

Complete an Intake Form/Application for services and submit by email to

msdementia.care@mdhs.ms.gov

or mail to:

MDHS/Division of Aging and Adult Services

MS Dementia Care Program

200 South Lamar Street

Jackson, MS 39201

Ineligibility

A caregiver who is currently receiving an ongoing government or agency paid respite service (ex. HCBS Respite, Medicaid Waiver respite services) on behalf of a care recipient is unable to apply for the MDCP.



Contact a MAC Center Specialist for additional information

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